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In Re Application of  
Gordon W. Duff, *et al*

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Sight-Threatening Diabetic Retinopathy

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the above identified application, please amend same as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please add the following to page 1, immediately after the title:

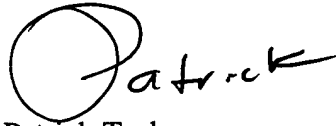
"This application is based on copending PCT Patent Application GB97/02790 filed  
on October 9, 1997; which was based on UK Provisional Application No. GB  
9621129.7, filed on October 10, 1996."

It is believed that no additional fees are associated with this preliminary amendment. In  
the event that fees are required, please charge deposit account no. 10-0447. Should the Examiner  
have any questions or identify any additional issues for discussion, please contact Patrick Turley  
at (713) 951-3310.

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Respectfully submitted,

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